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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Ordinance #07-11

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN TOXIC SUBSTANCES FROM BEING TRANSPORTED THROUGH, USED, DISCHARGED, OR GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BETHEL

WHEREAS the Bethel City Council has the authority to regulate the transportation of certain hazardous chemicals and substances within the city of Bethel;

WHEREAS the health and welfare of the citizens of Bethel are of great concern;

WHEREAS the transportation of hazardous chemicals and substances within the city limits of Bethel has the potential to severely harm the health and welfare of the citizens of Bethel;

WHEREAS the Bethel City Council seeks to reduce the possibilities for spills and any other toxic contamination within the city limits;

WHEREAS a toxic spill in the Yukon Kuskokwim region could greatly effect the subsistence fishing for a great number of persons living within this area of Alaska.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska, that:

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall be codified within the Bethel Municipal Code.

Prohibition of Transport, Storage, or Release of Certain Hazardous Substances.

A. No person or entity may not endanger the health and safety of the citizens of Bethel by engaging in any activity that directly or indirectly:

- 1. Releases any toxic pollution into, or causes or contributes to any toxic pollution of, any surface or subsurface water, or tributary thereto that is utilized by humans for drinking water or by salmon in the spawning, rearing, migration, or propagation of the species, within the boundaries of the City of Bethel;**

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2. Transports, uses or generates within the City of Bethel or its watershed, quantities larger than 50 gallons per month of cyanide

3. Toxic pollution shall be defined by The Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Quality Standards as further defined in The Department of Environmental Conservation's Alaska Water Quality Criteria Manual for Toxic and Other Deleterious Organic and Inorganic Substances.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This chapter shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2007, BY A VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND ____ OPPOSED.

Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Modigh, City Clerk